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CHINA IN TRANSITION.	CHINA IN TRANSITION.	COAL CRISIS.	AVIATION.	INTERPORT GOLF.	MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.	TURKISH ELECTIONS.
RUSSIA AND THE LOAN.	GENERAL HSU SHIU-CHING.	LEADERS CONFIDENT.	JAPANESE PURCHASE.	HONGKONG'S DEFEAT.	40,000 DESTITUTE.	MUCH DISSATISFACTION.
[Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 7, 3.5 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that it is announced that Russia has decided to join the group styled the Four Powers Banking Syndicate for the issue of a loan to China. She makes a special proviso that the issue shall in no wise prejudice special Russian interests in Manchuria, Mongolia and West China.—Reuter.	[From Chinese Sources.] April 6. President Yuan Shih-kai has accepted General Hsu Shiu-ching's resignation of the post of Chief Adviser to the General Staff. MORE APPOINTMENTS. Cheung Chok-pun and Hau Him have been appointed respectively Vice Minister of the Navy and Vice Minister of Justice. A RECOMMENDATION. April 7. Luk Chin-chenang has recommended to President Yuan the appointment of Chang Yim-tong, Chinese Minister at Washington, as Chinese envoy to the International Red Cross Conference.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, April 8, 7.20 a.m. The miners' leaders are confident that the men will obey instructions and will resume work. The necessity of repairing the mines is likely to delay the coal getting for some days. IN SOUTH WALES. The engine men on the South Wales Collieries, who are striking separately, decided to struggle till the minimum was granted. Hence, the resumption there has been indefinitely delayed.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, April 8, 7.20 a.m. Reuter's correspondent at Berlin says that it is reported that the Japanese Government has purchased the new Parseval airship.—Reuter. SEQUENCE OF FIRES. HISTORIC HOUSES. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 6, 4 a.m. Lake House, an Elizabethan mansion near Hallsbury, and its valuable contents were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The tenant is Mr. H. P. Dillingworth, the Government Whip. The family and servants escaped in their night clothes. Their lives were saved by the barking of a dog, which Mr. Dillingworth subsequently rescued after several attempts to reach the window by a ladder. Ross Hall House, the family seat of the Colquhouns at Loch Lomond, was partially burned. The Chief is at present soldiering in Egypt. The historic Gibbstown Castle, Methen, was also partially destroyed by fire, damage being done to the extent of forty thousand pounds.—Reuter.	[Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, April 8, 9.35 a.m. The scores in the interport golf championship show that Shanghai wins with a score of 527. The details of Hongkong's score are:— Walkinslaw 178 Forester 185 Clark 185 Cumming 186 Kraft 203 The three best scores count, so that Hongkong's score is 548. Shanghai Juniors totalled 573.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, April 8, 7.20 a.m. The floods in the lower and middle Mississippi districts are causing great havoc over the low-lying country. Ten thousand people are homeless and it is expected that forty thousand will ultimately be destitute. Troops are proceeding to the devastated region to distribute aid and to maintain order.—Reuter.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 7, 3.5 p.m. The first stage of the Turkish elections is proceeding under conditions which are exciting the gravest dissatisfaction among the opposition parties, particularly the Christian, which accuses the Party of Union and Progress of adopting most arbitrary methods and of excluding or terrorising opposition voters.—Reuter.
CITIZEN SOLDIERS.		HARMONIOUS PROCEEDINGS.		ROYAL PROMISE.	DAM BURST.	CANTON NEWS.
Shanghai, April 5. The people of Tientsin are proposing the formation of a citizen soldiery. The intention is to select two men from each shop for service. President Yuan has sanctioned the scheme.		The proceedings at the Minors Conference were fairly harmonious through the majority contented strong that the men had been let down.—Reuter. 62,000 WORKING. There are now sixty-two thousand miners at work. Meetings held in Yorkshire, Northumberland, Fife, Kinross and the Lothians resolved upon instructing the delegates at to-day's conference to vote for a continuance of the strike. It is expected that the proceedings of the conference will be lively, and the result is doubtful. There will possibly be a split in the Minors' Federation. At many of the meetings yesterday, the leaders were heckled for their advice to resume. The Welsh leader, Mr. Hartshorn, said he would have called out the transport workers and other organisations to assist the miners, but it was now the duty of the men to resume and be loyal to the Federation, whose very existence was at stake.		[Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 6, 4 a.m. Their Majesties the King and Queen have consented to attend a gala performance at the Palace Music Hall on the 10th of June, which will be the fulfilment of a Coronation promise, which the Lafayette disaster in Edinburgh last July prevented them from carrying out at the time.—Reuter.	Bombay, April 8, 7.20 a.m. The dam St. Clair, in Tennessee, burst last night and flooded the St. Francis basin. It is expected that there will be small loss of life, the inhabitants having ample warning.—Reuter.	(The "Telegraph" Correspondent) Canton, April 6. Dr. Sun Yat-sen is returning to Canton with Wong Ching-wai and Han Man and the party are expected to reach here shortly. The people in Canton and Patsan are making preparations to offer the ex-President a hearty welcome. On the day of the arrival, the members of the New Canton Republican Society and other Societies will hold a reception in honour of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Yum-show and Lim-show on the borders of Annam have been the scenes of repeated outbreaks on the part of the revolutionary soldiers and the Governor of Annam is alleged to have despatched French troops to the scene in case of emergency. In consequence the Governor General of Canton has instructed the military authorities in the places named to keep the troops under restraint and not to trespass on French territory in order to avoid international complications. The Governor General has issued a proclamation prohibiting the export of subsidiary coin from Canton in order to prevent a shortage. Passengers leaving Canton for the outports must not carry more than \$50 in small coin. If they are found carrying more the money will be confiscated. The proclamation will only remain in force while the crisis lasts. While the gunboat Yang Kiang was cruising in the waters of Sakwan on the 3rd inst, she came across a steam launch with the name scratched out. The gunboat compelled the launch to stop and found on board 30 pirates armed with rifles and bombs. The pirates were captured and disarmed. The coxswain of the launch stated that the pirates boarded her at Chan Chuen at 7 o'clock that morning and after raising her name—Shun Hop—had compelled him to accompany them on a piratical cruise. These pirates are said to be the men who robbed a passenger junk trading between Hongkong and Chan Chuen on March 20. The prize money to be sent to Canton when they will be handed over to the Chinese Minister of the Navy.
MINISTERS RESIGN.	RAILWAY SYNDICATE.		HOME FOOTBALL.	THE FULFILMENT.	OBITUARY.	
Heng Hsi-ling, Minister of Finance; Shun Kai-yun, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and Chan Ki-mee, Minister of Labour and Commerce have tendered their resignation. President Yuan has asked them to retain their posts.	The Cantonese residents in Nanking are forming a syndicate for the construction of a railway from Nanking to Wuhu.		SCOTTISH CUP.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 6, 4 a.m. The Scottish Cup final took place yesterday at Ibrox Park. Celtic beat the Clyde by two goals to nil.—Reuter.	SIR JAMES JENKINS. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 6, 3.40 a.m. The death is announced of Sir James Jenkins, Hon. Surgeon to the King.—Reuter.	
KOREANS SEEK NATURALIZATION.	ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS.		HOME RULE.	INTERESTING ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND.	THE REAL "WHO'S WHO."	
The Koreans resident in Vladivostok have applied to the Chinese Republican Government for naturalization as Chinese subjects.	The following appointments of Vice Ministers have been decided upon:— Tong Houng-ming, Vice Minister of the Navy. Wu Wai-tak, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. Yuen Chung-shu, Vice Minister of the Interior. Chan Kam-tao, Vice Minister of Finance. Fang Yuen-lun, Vice Minister of Education. Chan Ka-sing, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. Chan Fong, Vice Minister of Labour and Commerce. Jui Tin-yau, Vice Minister of Communications.—Shat Pa.		[Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 6, 4 a.m. There have been several forecasts regarding the Home Rule Bill, the most detailed being that published in the Liberal paper the "Ulster Guardian." The chief points brought out are that there will be a Council of forty-eight persons, of whom twelve will be nominated, and an Assembly of 103 members. The Customs and Excise will be under Imperial control for six years, after which they will be controlled by Irish legislature, subject to perpetual Anglo-Irish free trade.—Reuter.	Allahabad, March 10.—The "Bioner" reports an archaeological find of great interest from Muttra, where Pandit Radha Krishna, Curator of the local Museum, while exploring a mound near the village of Mat, not far from Muttra, has lighted upon a life statue of the great Indo-Scythian King Kanishka, who ruled over the whole of Northern India about the time of the commencement of the Christian era. The head has been knocked off, though it may still be recovered when the mound has been thoroughly searched, but there is no question about identification as the figure bears a well preserved inscription in ancient Brahmin script:—"King, King of Kings, His Majesty Kanishka." The dress is striking, consisting of a long coat reaching to well below the knees and heavy top boots of the type now known as Gilgit boots. His right hand rests on a mace, while the left clasps the hilt of a long straight sword, the costume bearing a strong resemblance to that of the great Moghuls and their Nobles, as shown in the miniatures of which a collection is now on view in the Delhi Museum.—The "Mail."	While we have no quarrel with that portentous volume in red covers which Messrs. Black produce annually, and which is so well-known to the public, we think that a closer imitation of Japanese model would effect a more exciting chunk of literature. In Japan they are not satisfied with "Blocks, Jno. Albert—inspector of parish schools since 1884; clubs: Tulse Debating and National Liberal; recreations, Dinobolo, Hunting the Slipper, Nuts in May," they demand something more intimate. For instance, in a recent Japanese "Who's Who," we are told concerning Count Okuma that he "was brought up by a wise and virtuous mother"; while of another Japanese, a millionaire, at the time of the Restoration, he "was clever enough to begin selling arms and ammunition from which he derived a large profit." Even this, however, does not quite fulfil the duties of the ideal "Who's Who." This is an age when a man's private life is private, and we wish to become intimate with our celebrities. Thus, instead of the brief record of the name of the lady whom the celebrity did marry, we should like a list, with names and dates, of the girls who refused him. A very bright and readable volume might, we fancy, be presented to the public in this manner. We must hasten to imitate the literary candour of the East.—The "Globe."	
CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.		COLLIERY WRECKED.				
President Yuan proposes to appoint Tam Yun-fung as Superintendent-Director of the Canton-Hankow Railway.		Ten thousand miners at the Newton colliery, Lochgelly, Fife, headed by bands, smashed the windows of the colliery partially wrecked the machinery, and stoned the police. All the trouble was due to the belief that five men were working in the pit.—Reuter.				
DR. SUN YAT-SEN.		THE RECOMMENDATION.				
In response to an invitation from Vice President Li Yuan-heng, Dr. Sun Yat-sen left today for Hupoh. He is accompanied by Wu Han-man and Wong Ching-wai.		The Miners' Conference on the 5th inst. endorsed, by 440 votes to 125, the Executive's recommendation that work should resume on Monday or Tuesday.				
CANTONESE TROOPS.						
The Cantonese troops stationed at Nanking have been formed into the 4th Division under the command of Yiu Yu-ping.						

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China Mail.

New Chinese Festivals.

Every country has its yearly festivals and national holidays and of course China has been no exception to this universal rule. As a matter of fact in the past the Middle Kingdom has been rather noted for the number of her local holidays, and as these have generally been associated with some temple festival they have possessed a more or less religious character. But now that the calendar has been altered to bring the new republic into line with most of the other countries of the world the question has arisen what is to be done about the old holidays or the decreeing of new ones. The topic has already been discussed frequently by the more intelligent of the native community for they realise that something must be devised to take the place of the old play-days. There are those who say that the temple festivals will now be seriously handicapped because the changing of the calendar will throw the people out of their reckoning for determining the astrological dates. Be that as it may, it seems that Peking has already decided there shall be six authorized festivals, and with the exception of the birthday of Confucius, none of them has anything to do with the old temple festivities.

Daily Press.

Japan's Move.

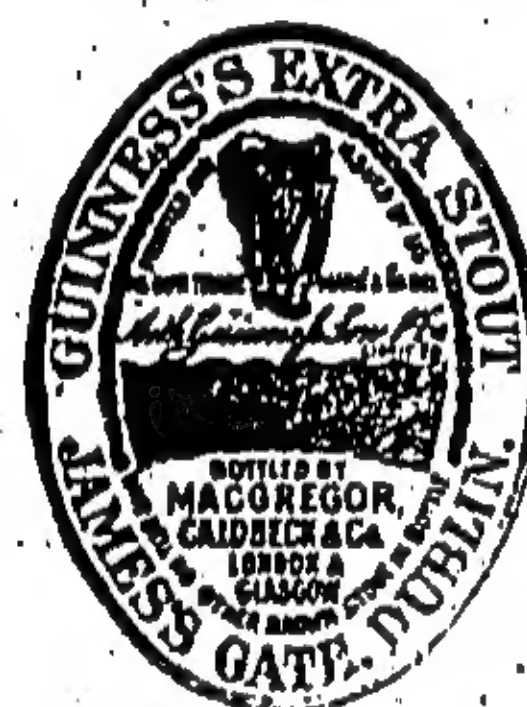
Japan has ordered one of her Army Divisions to Pingyang, according to the Japanese papers. The report has neither been confirmed nor denied, and what amount of truth there is in it, it is difficult to say. As is well known, Japan has immense barracks at Pingyang, constructed evidently for future contingencies, and thus is fully prepared to deal with any situation that may arise. If the report is true, then apparently she deems the time nearly ripe for action. What special circumstances have arisen which could have induced Japan to take this step? Perhaps the principal cause is to be found in the soldiers' mutiny at Peking and the similar resulting disturbances in other parts of the country. Japan officially certainly did not look with pleasure on the sweeping away of the Manchu Dynasty, although its fall would have been less objectionable if its place had not been taken by a republic. Japan with a republic on the East and a republic on the West dreads a decline of the imperial spirit, which she judges necessary for her development. When the news of the mutiny at Peking reached Tokyo, however, it seemed that a republic was not so inevitable as was at first thought. Yuan Shih-kai's position from the Japanese point of view was severely shaken, and it was possible that, after all, the republic of China might prove a dream.

South China Morning Post.

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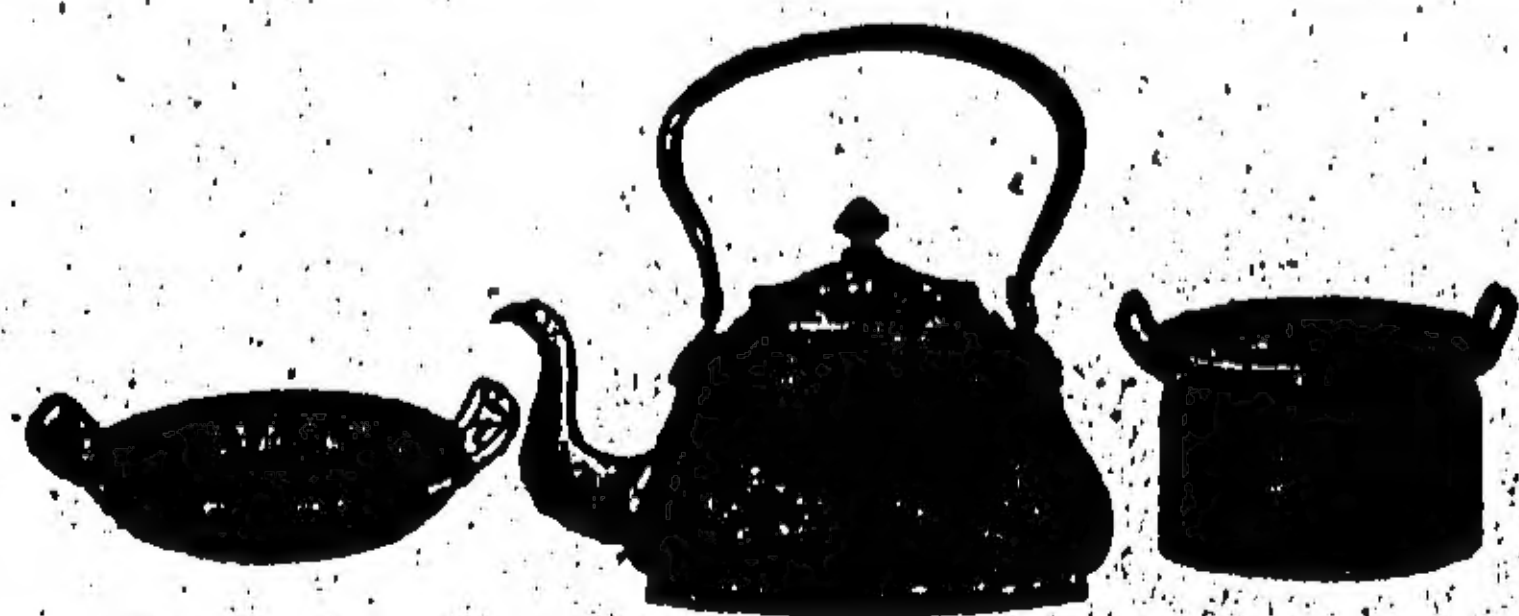
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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Priest Killed at Mass.

As the Abbe Polegrin was saying Mass in the Church of Los Caballeros in the Department of Arriaga, a rock overhanging the building, and known as the Rochede la Virgen, fell without warning and crashed through the roof, causing the walls to collapse. The priest was killed at the moment of the elevation of the Host, and the chorister who was assisting had a leg broken, besides sustaining other injuries. After the rock fell a hot sulphur spring issued with considerable force from the ground, and the gradual action of water behind the rock is supposed to have been the cause of the accident.

Engineer's Double Life.

An engineer of considerable means and reputation living near Berlin has, according to the latest information, been leading a Jekyll-Hyde existence, his double personality not being known even to his wife. He was arrested with his family in the Tyrol, at Moran, under somewhat dramatic circumstances. A few weeks ago a wealthy merchant of Montenegro was robbed of a satchel containing jewels to the value of £750 while travelling in the train. The merchant went to Moran on business, and at the dinner table narrated how he had been robbed. One of the guests listening, said that a few days before he had seen, quite by accident, a satchel resembling the one described thrown from a train, and added that he would be glad to help the merchant to find it. The merchant immediately had his suspicions aroused, and demanded a search of his informant's luggage. The traveller in question was the Berlin engineer, and, upon his luggage being searched, not only the missing satchel but enormous quantities of other jewels, were found.

Horseflesh Diet for Invalids.

Horseflesh is being largely eaten now in Paris by invalids who have been ordered it by their medical attendants. Many French doctors hold that horse-meat is more nourishing, easier to digest, and of great recuperative value for consumptives than other meat. The "superalimentation" cure for tuberculous patients is nearly always based on a diet of horse, in most cases minced very fine and eaten raw. The secretary of the Horse Butchers' Association in the great horse market in the Vaugirard quarter of Paris declared to a "Daily Mail" correspondent that each horse is carefully examined and is rejected at once at the least sign of disease or even of age, which would make it undesirable for human food. "The animals we kill" are perfectly healthy," and he pointed out some fine-looking white Walloon horses. "One of the best measures that could be taken in view of the dear food agitation," he said, "would be to suppress the high import tax on horses destined to be slaughtered. Let us import horses from England. The horse butchers would be glad of another 100,000 horses a year. A rib of beef in Paris costs 1s. 10d. a pound, and a similar portion of horse 1ld."

Poor Kubelik Cuts One of His Fingers.

Jan Kubelik, the violinist, was to have appeared in Chicago in a big programme on February 17, but while manœuvring his nails, the file slipped and cut under the nail of one of the fingers that produce his artistic triumphs. So he has "hung up the fiddle and the bow." Kubelik will collect heavy finger insurance for the file accident. His ten digits are insured in Lloyd's for a total of £20,000 or at the rate of £4,000 a finger. The Company made no discrimination as to digits. There is a difference in the fingers on the matter of artistic education, but all looked alike to Lloyd's. Under the terms of his policy Kubelik is entitled to all his expenses while his finger is in bandages and all the money he would have received from his engagements. As engagements in Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., were cancelled, the insurance company will be liable for a round sum. The next question is "who is responsible" for the loss of the managers with

whom Kubelik contracted to appear. The Orchestra Hall management lost £200 in Chicago, and the cancellations in Milwaukee and Madison mean additional losses. If Lloyd's must settle these losses the total will approximate the full insurance on the finger. Kubelik cannot, he says, do justice to himself with his sore digit. Besides, it is painful. "I was about to go to a manœuvre," he said, "but I was in a hurry and here it is!" He held up the index finger of his left hand. It was dressed in cotton antiseptic. A number of concerts in other cities also had to be postponed.

TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.

General Uneasiness Felt.

The following is from the "N. C. Daily News" of April 1:—Rumours which had reached the Settlement on Saturday and the day preceding created a considerable amount of excitement during the week end, and fears of rioting on the part of the Republican troops were rife. As a consequence of these rumours the utmost vigilance was blown on the part of the local authorities, and generally speaking steps were taken to ensure the safety of the Settlement against an episode of the Szechow nature. Fortunately, as events turned out the cause of the apprehended trouble was removed, and Saturday and Sunday passed off quietly.

Sinister Reports.

At present there are between 15,000 and 18,000 soldiers in the vicinity of Shanghai, including those at Woosung, and it has been matter of common knowledge that the Republican officers have been in sad need of replenishing. In such times as these the end of the month, when pay falls due, is regarded as critical, and it may be noted that many felt apprehensions at the close of February last the wages should not be forthcoming and, as a consequence, the government employees, particularly those at the Arsenal, should make trouble. Even greater fears were expressed for the situation at the end of March, for it was known that there were arrears of the soldiers' pay to be met, and towards the middle of the week sinister reports came to hand. In the first place, the Woosung troops were reported as demanding three months' pay, while those in the direction of the Arsenal were said to have sent an ultimatum to the Tutuh that if they did not receive their pay on Saturday they would proceed to loot Nantao. This ultimatum was doubtless dictated by the knowledge that funds were at a very low ebb, and possibly it was held up as a threat to induce the authorities to take special measures to secure the necessary money.

The Danger Averted.

In view of all these reports an order was issued to the police on Saturday to stand by, for fear of the threatened looting extending to the Settlement, the Volunteers were all warned, and it is understood that to a very large extent leave on the men-of-war in port was countermanded. The subsequent events, however, did not necessitate these precautions, for the money to pay the troops was forthcoming, and as a result none of the threats contained in the reports were fulfilled. On Saturday, a day before it was due, the "Dare To Die" were paid, and the men at Woosung received two months' pay, which appears to have satisfied them. The workers at the Arsenal likewise received their wages, and it is understood that yesterday the rest of the soldiers were paid. Evidently the programme was carried out to the full, for quite a number of the soldiers were to be seen in the Settlement spending their money. The danger of looting was thus averted. Speculation has been occasioned as to where the money to pay the men came from, for, as already mentioned, the Republican funds were understood to be exhausted. One rumour is that the pay came from the loan negotiated with the Belgian syndicate, which it may be noted was partly paid over in Shanghai.



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THE CURRENCY OUTLOOK.

The statement, in Saturday's issue, that the Canton mint is working at top speed to turn out coin to meet the needs of the market recalls the fact that something like a currency revolution is almost certain to take place in China within the next few years. It is impossible to predict with anything like confidence what is to happen in China within the next decade, but it is fairly safe to say that China is bound to require a great amount of silver in order to establish a proper currency, as she seems bound to do. It is often forgotten, outside China, that she has, speaking broadly, no proper currency at all. British and Mexican dollars circulate mainly in the treaty ports and are sanctioned by usage rather than by law.

Once the shock sustained by trade and credit during the inter-ecine strife has passed away, however, trade should do more than merely return to pre-revolutionary activity. There should be a gradual and steady expansion, especially from and to inland markets. If China is to develop along Western lines the resources of the country will be tapped. Railways will be driven through and across it, and trade with foreign markets will grow steadily and materially.

The recovery from the effects of the recent conflict must, of course, be gradual, but once the country has properly settled down the forward movement should be one of increasing rapidity. Assuming a peaceful and contented China, the next quarter of a century should see the face of the country greatly changed. But not without very large purchases of silver and, almost as certainly, not without the establishment of some common currency. In any movement of this nature India must take a considerable interest, for it would almost certainly mean the release, and disposal of, a great part of India's hoarded silver. No doubt it would also accelerate the tendency, slight but, we are told, growing, towards securing a gold standard for India. It is possible again, though hardly likely, that China herself may adopt a gold standard. The whole outlook, therefore, is pregnant with possibilities and it is impossible for anyone to estimate with anything like certainty what is to happen, beyond that there will be a change in the relative value of gold and silver and that the new rulers of China must face the institution of a properly-regulated and legal currency as one of the first steps towards developing the country and opening up her markets. The rest is speculation but very interesting speculation.

DAY BY DAY.

Most failures can be traced to the belief that other people are not quite as smart as we are.

To-day's Paper.

An article in regard to the Chinese troops in Shanghai, and World's News appear on page 3. Local sport and an interesting communication from an Ichang correspondent will be found on page 8.

Japanese reports state the Prince Chan, formerly Regent in China, arrived at Port Arthur, where Princes Su and Kung are, on March 23.

Three trains were snowed up in Hokkaido, Japan, on March 18 for periods varying from twenty-three to seventy-eight hours.

In connection with the projected development of the Island of St. Thomas by a Danish syndicate, an official of the East Asiatic Company says that the aim of the promoters is to make the island a Western Hongkong, which shall secure the bulk of the trade through the new canal.

A telegram received by the Japanese Foreign Office, dated New York, March 26, says that of the nineteen largest silk-weaving mills at Paterson, New Jersey, sixteen have suspended operations on account of workers going on strike. This stoppage has seriously affected the raw silk market in America.

Ringing the Changes.

The police have had to deal with a new form of deprecation on the money changer. A man went to a changer in Wellington Street and asked for \$5 worth of twenty-cent pieces, tendering a perfectly good note. He was given the subsidiary coin and sixty-cent exchange, but after he had left the counter and gone about three paces off, he returned and remarking that the discount was not enough asked for his five dollar bill to be returned. This was done and he handed over a roll of coin which appeared at first sight to be the same as that given to him previously, but the changer being suspicious of the increased warmth of the roll opened it to find that it consisted only of cash. The matter was reported to the police and an arrest made.

A New Industry.

On Saturday afternoon the dyeing and dry cleaning establishment of the Eastern Dyeing and Dry Cleaning Co. was formally opened in the presence of a goodly number of guests, among whom were the French Consul and Madame Paillard. The company has its town office in Beaconsfield Arcade and is an entirely new departure for Hongkong. A tour of the building, which is situated right down on the sea shore, proved remarkably interesting especially the apparatus for dyeing. The work, except in some of the heavier departments, will be carried out by French employees and the firm thus hope to ensure that good quality of work which has always made French dyers and cleaners famous. The building itself has been specially built for the industry and every precaution has been taken to ensure the best results.

An Interesting Point.

At the Magistracy this morning, a Chinese appeared before Mr. D. Melbourne on a charge of having in his possession fifty-four tae's of prepared opium without having a valid certificate from the opium farmer. After his arrest the defendant produced a certificate and this was put forward at the court this morning with the result that Mr. Hogarth, who appeared for the opium farmer withdrew the case, as in his opinion everything was in order.

Inspector Fenton on behalf of the police objected, and wished that the case might be proceeded with, but Mr. Hogarth submitted that the only complainant that there could be in a case of this nature was the opium farmer and consequently the police had no locus standi in the matter.

The Magistrate, however, decided to hear the case and as a result found that the defendant was in lawful possession of the drug and discharged him.

Mr. L. D. Tobbs, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., died at Shanghai on March 31.

The death occurred at Shanghai on March 29 of Mr. H. J. H. Tripp, one of the oldest residents of the Settlement.

A telegram from Dunkirk reports a curious accident there. The electric light cable which passed under a bridge over a canal short-circuited, and the whole of the bridge became electrified. The passengers on the bridge received shocks that kept them dancing. Although unpleasant to the victims, the scene was most comical to the spectators who were not affected by the current. Even the horses were affected, and instead of walking, dashed off at a gallop.

The following is from the "Shanghai Times" of April 1:—We are sorry to hear of the disappearance from the local field of journalism of our esteemed contemporary, the "China Gazette," which for nearly two decades has filled a most useful want. The editor in explaining the cause for its closing down, uses the words "suspends publication" and holds out the hope that in the near future, it will again be in the hands of the public. It is earnestly hoped that the editor's hope will be realised.

Accompanied by his wife, daughter, and niece, Miss H. O. Barbour, and four United States naval officers, Rear Admiral R. F. Nicholson, recently appointed to the command of the Asiatic Squadron, arrived in Shanghai on March 30 on the steamer Siberia. In the party beside Rear Admiral Nicholson and the members of his family were Commander Charles B. McVey, Chief of Staff, Chaplain M. C. Gleason, Lieutenant Calvin P. Page and Lieutenant-Commander D. W. Wurzburg. Headquarters have been made on the Rainbow, flagship, though the party were to be the guests of the Astor House for several days.

Among the passengers who arrived by the O.N.S. Chihhua, was Mr. Frank W. White, who has come to Hongkong to take up a position on the staff here of the Asiatic Petroleum Company. The "N.O. Daily News" of April 4 says:—Mr. White's departure will be keenly felt in local sporting circles; for throughout his five years' residence here he has always taken great interest in the promotion of field sports. For the past three years he has been on the Committee of the St. George's Society; he founded the Shanghai Amateur Athletic Association in 1908; was a member of the Committee of the S. M. Police Athletic Sports, the Coronation Sports last year, and of Henli Regatta, and was also a member of the Shanghai Golf, Cricket, Rowing, and Swimming Clubs.

Supposed Suicide.

A Chinese passenger on the s.s. On Lee is believed to have committed suicide yesterday evening by throwing himself overboard on the trip from Macao to Hongkong. The alarm was raised about an hour and a half out from Macao, and Capt. Everitt turned the ship back and lowered a boat, but failed to find the unfortunate man. According to a stevedore passenger the deceased jumped into the sea.

The Recent Conspiracy in Siam.

The statement has appeared in some of the other local papers that the officers arrested in connection with the recent conspiracy have been released, says the "Bangkok Times" of March 22. This is somewhat misleading. What really happened is that after the disclosure of the projected rebellion a number of officers were arrested. Necessarily some of these were more deeply implicated than others. The papers in connection with the different cases were sent to His Majesty the King, and those against whom the evidence was slight have been released from custody pending their trial by Court Martial. This court composed of both Army and Navy officers has now been appointed and commenced its preliminary investigations yesterday. At the conclusion of the court's deliberations the evidence will be sent to His Majesty.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Prussian Prince in Hongkong.

Prince Waldemar, eldest son of Prince Henry of Prussia, who is travelling under the name of Count Falkenrode, is at present in Hongkong, and accompanied by a medical attendant and two valets, is staying at the Peak Hotel. He arrived on Friday by the German mail steamer Kleist and was welcomed by Captain Taylor, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, by Dr. Voretzsch, the German Consul, and others. Few, however, of the community knew of the intended visit of the Prince and in consequence many who would have been pleased to accord him welcome were deprived of the opportunity. The Prince who is a most unassuming young man, is twenty-three years old. On Friday His Royal Highness lunched with the German Consul and in the afternoon spent some considerable time shopping. He also visited Happy Valley. On Saturday he continued his peregrinations in the Colony, lunched at Government House, and attended the races. At the luncheon the guests included Commodore Eyres, the Commander of the German gunboat Tigor, and Consul Voretzsch. The Prince had also a motor run to Aberdeen, and visited the Club Germania, where he was welcomed by the President and the members. In the evening a trip to Canton and Macao was made, the party returning to-day. Prince Waldemar will leave Hongkong to-morrow on the s.s. Shinyo Maru for Japan. It was the intention of the Prince to make a long stay in Hongkong, a place with which his father was associated in the days when he was a naval officer, but an illness delayed the party at Colombo. He marked his appreciation of courtesies extended to him in the Colony by presenting a number of souvenirs. Consul Voretzsch received an autograph portrait and the manager of the Peak Hotel a gold and ruby scarf pin in the form of a W surmounted by the crown of Prussia.

POSITION AT SWATOW.

Lim Wants "Expenses."

Our Swatow correspondent writes on April 4:—

Matters here have gone along smoothly since my letter of yesterday. Woo's 3,000 soldiers are quartered principally in the Kialat district, while Lim's men continue in their quarters in the Police Court buildings, several new houses on the road to the railway station, and in the large house formerly the Swatow residence of Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s late Comprodor, just at the back of that firm's office.

Lim is stated to have declared his willingness to leave Swatow provided a sum of money is paid to cover his 'expenses' for the time of his stay and transporting men back to Canton. According to the best information I can get, he has not named any definite amount, but I have heard from different sources that it is £18,000. Ko, the leading man of wealth here, called a meeting of merchants yesterday to discuss the matter of making a payment to Lim, but we hear that at this meeting none were willing to contribute to the fund. Ko has already paid Lim \$15,000 in three instalments to cover working expenses up to date, and it is presumed that this sum will later be repaid by the Chamber of Commerce.

Woo has his quarters on board the Kwong Hoi, which brought him here, for the time being. The outcome of the situation is very doubtful and we can only await whatever happens in the course of time, as no one is able to forecast events with any degree of accuracy.

At Juneau, in Alaska, warrants have been issued for the arrest of 18 business men under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. It is alleged that the accused, who are the heads of the steamship and coal companies, combined to exclude other companies from the use of wharfe facilities at Skagway.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

American in Court.

What should prove to be an interesting case started this morning at the Magistracy when a well-dressed American named Hadley, alias Blaine, was brought before Mr. D. Melbourne on two charges. The first count was that of having in his possession three pearl necklaces, a pair of gold and pearl ear-drops, two gold rings set with large pearls and one Japanese blue stone valued in all at \$800 which the police have reason to regard as having been stolen or obtained in an unlawful manner in a place outside the Colony, to wit Shanghai, while the second count was one of having in his possession a Mauser carbine, a revolver, and seventy rounds of ammunition without the permission of the Superintendent of the Police, on board the s.s. Chihhua on April 7.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges and said he was only passing through the Colony and had not asked for a permit as he did not intend to stay here. He was only waiting to take the next boat to Shanghai.

Inspector Collett asked for a remand as it might be necessary for them to bring witnesses down from Shanghai.

The case was accordingly remanded until Wednesday next at 10 a.m., bail being fixed in the sum of \$1,500.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR SASSOON.

We regret (says the "L. and O. Express of March 15) to announce the death on 13th inst. of Mr. Arthur Abraham David Sassoon, an intimate friend of his late Majesty King Edward VII. and a well-known figure in society. Mr. Sassoon was on a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, at whose house, Ascott, Leighton Buzzard, he was staying. He was quite well until a few days ago, but a slight illness, suddenly contracted, took a serious turn, and he passed peacefully away from heart failure. The fifth son of the late David Sassoon, of Bombay, he was born in India on May 25, 1840, and came to England when he was about 15 years of age. Subsequently he spent some years in India and China, associated with the firm of David Sassoon, Sons and Co., and later joined the London firm in Leadenhall-street, of which he remained a director until the time of his death. Mr. Sassoon was an uncle of Sir Edward Sassoon, M.P., a half-brother of the late Sir Albert Sassoon, and a brother of the late Mr. Reuben Sassoon. He married, in 1873, Eugenie Louise, daughter of late Achille Perugia, of Trieste, and a sister of Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild. Mr. Sassoon was better known in society than in the City, for he retired from business between 30 and 40 years ago, and had since devoted himself entirely, except for his director's duties, to social affairs. His great wealth enabled him and Mrs. Sassoon to entertain considerably, both at their villa at Hove and at Tulchan Lodge in Scotland.

Mr. Sassoon was a man of scholarly tastes and wide reading. He knew Hebrew, Hindustani, and Arabic, and he knew the Bible perfectly. Apart from being an elder of the Portuguese Synagogue, he did not associate himself in an active capacity with specifically Jewish institutions, though he was a generous supporter of communal charities through the firm of which he was a member. Moreover, he was known to observe all the important Jewish ordinances. On one occasion to King Edward's visit to Tulchan Lodge coincided with the Day of Atonement, and Mr. Sassoon begged His Majesty's permission to absent himself from the home-party for that day, in order that he might spend it in the solemn fasting and prayer ordained for the occasion. Throughout his life he was extremely kindhearted and charitable, but it was done privately and nobody knew the extent of his generosity.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Trial by Jury.

Shanghai papers which arrived to-day contain particulars of China's first essay in the system of trial by jury. The trial extended over three days and resulted in the man accused being found guilty and sentenced to death. There seemed to be a belief current that the jury had made up their minds about his guilt before hearing the evidence, and this found expression in an interruption by one of the audience while the counsel for the accused was addressing the court. The counsel was advised that he was wasting his time. The cynically disposed might say that the remark would not be altogether out of place on occasion in some British courts of law.

The Eternal Subject.

In many clubs there is a very excellent rule that certain subjects must not be mentioned. The foremost of these, in some instances, is the weather. This must be a severe trial to the flesh, when a locality has been afflicted with the extremes of heat and cold that have visited Hongkong of late. The "Oldest Resident," that elusive individual, who is more often quoted than known, apparently does not recall such a sea-saw between extremes for many a year, although it would, of course, be beneath the dignity of the "Oldest Resident" to admit that he is surprised. It is the privilege, if not the right, of the "Oldest Resident," to decline to recognise the possibility of anything modern approaching the "good old days." And, if the weather in those times could give a handicap and a beating to the shifty and uncertain conditions that have recently been passing for "weather," no one will begrudge him his unpleasant recollections.

Miracle or Imagination?

A curious piece of news comes from Japan and is to the effect that a lad 13 years of age spoke after being dumb from birth. The parents, it is stated, have been in the habit of praying to the Buddha and Shinto Gods for the restoration of the power of speech to their son, and to their surprise and joy the other day he suddenly addressed them by name. Since then the lad has proved himself capable of making himself perfectly understood in his native tongue. The overjoyed parents lost no time in taking the necessary steps to send the lad to school, which he is attending so runs the tale as a "first-year boy" at the tender age of 13! Dr. Asai, of Osaka, has been interviewed by an Osaka correspondent, and explains how such an event might possibly happen in certain circumstances. It might, but the "Japan Chronicle" caustically reminds its readers of another possible happening when it remarks that "Considering the well-developed imagination of Japanese newspaper reporters we should think the first consideration would be to discover if the event has actually happened."

Slightly Mixed.

A telegram recently announced the death of Mr. George Grossmith, senr., and one story concerning him, which we have just come across, is worth telling. At the zenith of his career he was one of the most popular men in the United Kingdom. This is sufficiently attested by the fact that he realised as much as £20,000 in less than two years while touring with his "one-man show." Yet his fame had not reached some parts of the provinces, and in his book, "Piano and I," he speaks of a remarkable dialogue overheard shortly after he severed his connection with the Savoy. "Are you going to Mr. Grossmith's recital to-night?" asked a lady of a gentleman. "Whose recital?" "Grossmith's." "I never heard of him," said the gentleman. "You must have heard of his book. I saw your daughter reading it the other day," the lady declared. "Oh, Grossmith!" finally observed the gentleman, "you mean the man who wrote 'The Deceased Villager.' Of course I've heard of him."

K.O.Y.L.I. RACES.

Accident to Rider.

The following are the concluding results at the K.O.Y.L.I. race meeting on Saturday—

Bester Stakes.

*Mr. White's Defford 10st. 12lb. (Dunlop) 1
 *Mr. Kenrick's Kerry 11st. 3lb. (Knoll) 2
 *Mr. Slade's Espando 10st. 8lb. (Master) 3
 *Mr. Hough's White Heather 10st. 13lb. (Gegg) 0
 *Mr. Peppy's Ballybrack 10st. 7lb. (Owner) 0
 *5lbs. over 10lbs. over 11lb. over.

Esperando was the first away, but passing the judge's box for the first time White Heather took the lead, followed by Esperando and Kerry. Passing the football field Ballybrack went to the front, followed by White Heather and Kerry, Defford bringing up the rear. Ascending the hill Esperando forced his way into first place with Kerry next and Ballybrack third and White Heather last. Rounding the home bend Esperando still kept the lead, but at the distance was overtaken by Kerry. Defford challenged Kerry a hundred yards from home and won an exciting race by the shortest of heads. Esperando eight lengths away was third.

Time 2 min. 10 sec.
 Pari Mutuel Winner \$13.50
 Cash Sweep.
 1st Ticket ... \$529.20
 2nd ... \$151.20
 3rd ... \$75.60

The Polo Cup.

Mr. Peppy's Tregon, (Owner) 1
 12st. 7lb. (Dunlop) 1
 Mr. Collis-Brown's Kongsi, (Owner) 12st. 7lb. (Knoll) 2
 Capt. Hughes' Tiekey, (Owner) 12st. 10lb. (Gegg) 3
 Mr. Jervois' Little Willie, (Jervois) 12st. 7lb. (Dunlop) 0
 Capt. Mallinson's Polar Bear, (Boulton) 12st. 11lb. (Dunlop) 0
 Mr. Kent's Jorrock, (Bradley) 12st. 10lb. (Dunlop) 0
 Capt. Warden's Moonbeam, (Owner) 12st. 7lb. (Dunlop) 0
 The winner led from start to finish and won easily by a length and a half, half a length separating second and third.

Time 47 sec.
 Pari Mutuel winner \$24.80.
 Cash Sweep.

1st Ticket ... 548.10.
 2nd ... 156.60.
 3rd ... 78.30.

The Farewell Handicap.
 Messrs. Hughes and Jervois.
 Favonius, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Jervois) 1

Mr. Gresson's Rosyth, 10st. 7lb. (Mr. Peppy) 2
 Mr. Britton's Joss, 11st. 8lb. (Mr. Dunlop) 3
 Also ran: Auchendoun (Mr. Gegg), Bon Macdhu (Mr. Gresson), Daisy (Mr. Master), Norman Chief (Mr. Knoll), Birdingham (Mr. Krenor), Merry Scott (Mr. Hastings).

*5lbs. penalty.
 Rosyth got clear of the field at the start, and lead practically the whole way round into the home straight. Here he made the best of his position on the rails, but at the distance post was challenged by Favonius. A neck and neck race ensued, and Favonius just passed the post in front of Rosyth. It was here that an accident to Mr. Peppy happened. The winning post had just been passed, when Rosyth fell, bringing its rider down heavily. Mr. Peppy sustained a broken collar bone. Time 2 mins. 44 sec.

Pari Mutuel Winner... \$13.50
 Cash Sweep.
 Ticket 1st ... \$607.65
 2nd ... 171.90
 3rd ... 85.95

The Maiden Cup.

Mr. Kadoorie's Mogul Chief, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Knoll) 1
 Mr. Britton's Ashington, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Dunlop) 2
 Mr. Peppy's Billybrack, 10st. 7lb. (Mr. Collis-Brown) 3
 Also ran: White Heather (Mr. Gegg), Reformer (Mr. Seth), Lots of Time (Mr. Krenor), Fanling (Mr. Gresson), Rheinland (Mr. Hastings).

*5lbs. penalty.
 Mogul Chief led merrily from the start with Ashington close up, but Mogul Chief was too good. Billybrack was a good third. Time 1 min. 59 sec.
 Pari Mutuel Winner \$21.40.
 Cash Sweep.
 1st Ticket... \$540.15
 2nd ... 162.90
 3rd ... 81.45

DISTANCE HANDICAP.

Mr. Hodges' Gulab, 150 yards (Mr. Hodges) 1
 Mr. Dillon's Maud, 200 yards (Mr. Dillon) 2
 Mr. Hynes' Tochi, 75 yards (Mr. Jervois) 3

The race was won easily, although at one time Mr. Cookson's Damugly, which obtained a handicap of 250 yards, looked like being the winner. Maud was several lengths behind Gulab. Pari-mutuel winner \$10.10.
 Cash Sweep:
 1st ... \$601.65
 2nd ... 171.10
 3rd ... 85.95

The musical programme was as follows:—

- 1.—March, "Spirit of Pageantry" ... Fletcher.
- 2.—Overture, "Le Cheval de Bronze" ... Aubert.
- 3.—Valse, "Dramatic" ... Joyce.
- 4.—Selection, "Baldon Hall" ... Sullivan.
- 5.—Gavotte, "Pasion Flowers" ... Plant.
- 6.—Two Step, "Down in Jugto Town" ... Danceski.
- 7.—Selection, "Students' Songs" ... Danceski.
- 8.—Excerpt, "Coppelia" ... Danceski.
- 9.—Patrol, "U.S.A." ... Danceski.
- 10.—Gallo, "Mail Coach" ... Danceski.

ATHLETICS.

Lusitano Recreation Club Meeting.

The Lusitano Recreation Club held its sixth athletic meeting on the course this afternoon, by kind permission of the Jockey Club.

There was a large attendance of spectators and the band of the 8th Rajputs discoursed music at intervals during the afternoon.

The results were as follow:—
 120 YARDS HANDICAP.
 N.N. Maher ... 1
 J. Castro ... 2
 Time 13.4-5 sec.

HIGH JUMP.
 F. B. Silver ... 1
 A. A. Luz ... 2
 Height 4 ft. 10 in.

BOYS' RACE, 220 YARDS.
 Open to boys between 10 and 15 years of age.
 D. Castro ... 1
 A. Castro ... 2

BICYCLE RACE—ONE MILE HANDICAP.
 C. Vas ... 1
 Jose M. Rosa Pereira 2
 Time 3 mins. 38.2-5 sec.

THE SEDDON MURDER.

Scene in Court.

The special correspondent of the "China Press" in London, wrote on March 16 as follows:—

The unravelling of a suburban poison mystery has exercised a morbid fascination over the minds of Londoners during the ten days of trial. The crime had several odd and unusual features. The accused parties, Frederick H. Seddon, and his wife, were typical members of the lower middle class. They lived in a decent neighborhood, and were to all appearance as respectable, commonplace people as the hundreds of thousands of their kind who inhabit the suburban girdle.

The husband earned a comfortable income as superintendent of canvassers for an insurance company. He had bought his own house with his savings and had a few hundred pounds by him as well. He was a pushing, covetous man, anxious to make money. Like most Londoners the Seddons occupied a house rather bigger than their needs required. In July, 1910, they let rooms to Miss Eliza Mary Barrow, a maiden lady whose acquaintance they had made. She was a woman of independent means, somewhat eccentric and self-willed, and she had with the few distant relatives who remained to her.

Seddon soon established a remarkable influence over Miss Barrow. Knowing nothing about finance she became nervous concerning her investments. As a matter of fact they were superlatively gilt edged. Of her annual income, £120 a year was derived from licensed premises leased to a big brewery firm. They sent her a cheque every quarter day with the regularity of the calendar. She had £1,600 in Government of India stock, and

some hundreds of pounds which she kept in her room after being alarmed by the failure of a popular London bank.

After living with Seddon for three months Miss Barrow transferred to him her leasehold property and her India stock in exchange for an annuity of £3 a week for which he could offer no security beyond his promise to pay. Between October 1910 and September 1911, Mrs. Seddon cashed notes which had been paid to Miss Barrow to the value of £135. She endorsed them with a false name and address. In September last Miss Barrow was apparently penniless except for the annuity which Seddon had promised to pay. On September 13 she died.

Her relatives were not informed. On making inquiry they learned that she was dead and buried; that she had left nothing beyond a few pounds which barely paid for the funeral, and that she had appointed Seddon her sole executor.

The Grave Opened.

The police were communicated with. An examination order was obtained from the Home Secretary. The grave gave up its dead. A post-mortem revealed the presence of arsenic in deadly quantity. The body, in fact, was preserved with arsenic; even the hair and nails were impregnated with the poison. The Seddons were arrested. Sufficient *prima facie* evidence was found to justify a magistrate in committing them to the Central Criminal Court, and then began the patient accumulation of a mass of circumstantial evidence which at last placed the noose round Seddon's neck.

Miss Barrow became ill about the end of August and a doctor diagnosed epidemic diarrhoea—a disease the symptoms of which are identical with those of arsenical poisoning. She had frequently suffered from gastritis, caused, it was said by alcohol. In September she died, and the doctor, although he had not seen her for a few days, granted a certificate. Both Seddon and his wife were with her when she died although a fatal termination was not expected. The circumstance enabled Sir Rufus Isaacs, who prosecuted, to draw a tremendous picture of Seddon sitting at the door of the death chamber because he dared not leave his wife alone to await the end which he expected.

Immediately after she died Seddon searched the room for money. He found, on his own confession, £410. Yet it was sworn that when she went to the Seddons, Miss Barrow had about £400 in gold. It was proved that she subsequently drew £216 out of her bank; and it was found that Mrs. Seddon had cashed bank notes in a false name to the value of £135. Miss Barrow owned a family vault in Highgate Cemetery. Seddon arranged to have her buried in a common grave at a cost of £4, and then haggled with the undertaker until he got 12s. 6d. back as commission.

Next day Seddon took Miss Barrow's diamond ring—which he said she had given him as a present—to a jeweler and had it enlarged to fit his own finger. His wife had Miss Barrow's name erased from a gold watch which the dead woman had given her. At night they went to a music hall. On the day of the funeral, Mrs. Seddon placed a wreath on the coffin and kissed the dead woman's forehead. She was buried, and the evidence of the crime seemed hidden for ever in a common grave.

Poison in Fly Papers.

When arsenic was found in the body inquiries were made in the chemists' shops of Holloway and it was found that Maggie Seddon, the daughter of the prisoner, had been buying fly-paper, of the "non-sticky" kind. Each paper, on analysis, contained more than two grains of arsenic, a fatal dose. On the morning of the dead woman's death four fly papers were in a soup plate in her room. Mrs. Seddon explained this by saying that one of the saucers in which the fly papers had been set out singly had fallen and she had thereupon placed them all together in the plate. Miss Barrow had lived mainly on meat juice. All her food was prepared and administered by Mrs. Seddon. It would be impossible for anyone to detect a dose of arsenic in meat juice, said the

doctors. The expert evidence made it certain that death was the result of a large dose of arsenic administered in the last few days of life. No proof could be brought forward that Seddon or his wife had given their lodger the poison. But there it was. On this circumstantial evidence the jury found Seddon guilty, but acquitted his wife.

The Scene in Court.

As the long-drawn trial approached its conclusion public interest became intense. For three days Seddon and his wife were in the witness box. Their coolness and aplomb under the cross-examination of one of the greatest lawyers at the English Bar aroused many doubts as to whether the jury would find circumstantial evidence enough. Seddon's counsel, Mr. Marshall Hall, in a moving and eloquent address, set the case for the prisoners in its most favourable light. Seddon and his wife visibly brightened as their gifted advocate explained away the evidence until every link of the chain seemed to vanish into thin air. But they had a terrible ordeal next day when Sir Rufus Isaacs for four hours took the jury step by step through the evidence until the whole damning chain was complete again. Lawyers regard it as one of the greatest speeches in the annals of the Old Bailey.

I had a peep into the Court in the afternoon when the Judge was summing up. The crowded seats, the hush, the gravity, the black figure of the chaplain, the black cap in front of the judge, all told that an issue of life and death hung in the balance. The Judge, an old man with a quiet voice, leaned back in his great chair, his scarlet robes vivid against the green upholstery, and slowly weighed the evidence. Perhaps the most striking passages were those in which he explained to the jury their duty in dealing with circumstantial evidence.

It is not necessary, he said, that a crime should be proved beyond the possibility of doubt, for there are doubts involved, more or less, in every human transaction. Certain crimes committed in secrecy can only be brought to light by the comparison of circumstances. If you find in the evidence the degree of certainty that you would not upon your own grave and important concerns that is the degree of certainty that the law requires.

The jury deliberated for an hour. Their departure, followed by that of the Judge, loosed pent up emotions. Men rose, stretched themselves, turned to their neighbors, began whispered discussions. Mrs. Seddon instantly left the dock; her husband leaned over the rail and talked with his counsel. The jury returned and with them the tense hush, deeper than before.

A Dramatic Scene.

Their verdict was followed by one of the strangest scenes ever witnessed in a Court of law. Seddon, in his dramatic mind, must have planned it days before. He turned and kissed his wife passionately; she was led weeping away. In a firm and collected voice he replied in the affirmative to the Clerk's question as to whether he had anything to say before sentence was passed. For 20 minutes he addressed the Judge in his defence. He protested that he was the victim of a set of circumstances. If Miss Barrow had fallen downstairs or leaped from the window it would have been the same. He would have been condemned but the motive was assumed to be there.

"If it is the last word I have to speak, I am not guilty!"

As he spoke he raised his hand above his head and made a Masonic sign, declaring before the Great Architect of the Universe that he was innocent. The old Judge, with square of black cloth that is called the Black Cap upon his head, was visibly moved; he spoke with difficulty; a mist gathered on his spectacles and he removed them. He briefly expressed his concurrence in the verdict. The jury had tried the case with a patience and intelligence he had never seen equalled. He was convinced the prisoner had committed the crime for greed of gold.

"We are both members of one Brotherhood," he said (Mr. Justice Birkhall is Provost of the Grand Master of Surrey). "I pray you

to make your peace with the Great Architect. Pray for mercy." As he spoke the last awful words "that you be taken from here to the place of execution and hanged by the neck till you are dead" his voice broke. He was almost inaudible and tears rolled down his cheeks. Seddon was the only unmoved person in the Court. He looked on with slightly raised eyebrows as if astonished at the judge's emotion.

The solemn formula "And may the Lord have mercy on your soul" was like the breaking of a spell. Seddon was escorted below and thence to the cell where he will never more be alone. The judge departed. Advocates gathered their papers together and the audience slowly dispersed, discussing the game of life and death they had seen played.

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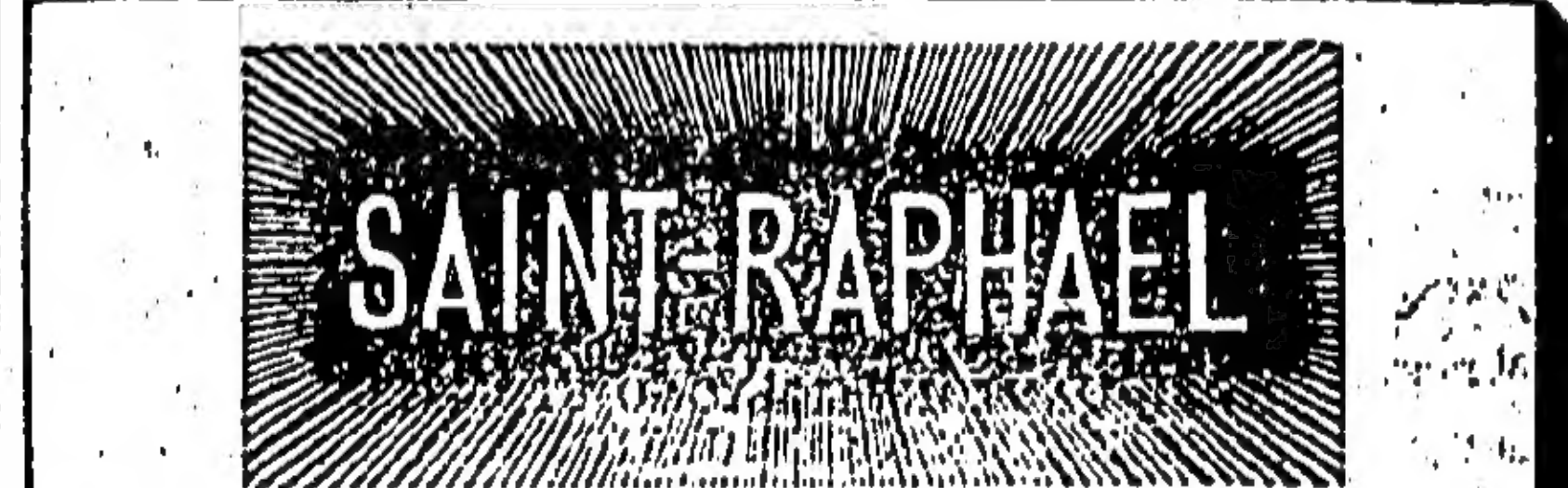
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VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YOKOHAMA ...	SANUKI MARU, Capt. A. Teranaka, T. 7,000 AWA MARU, Capt. I. Iizawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon TUESDAY, 23rd April, at Noon
SIDNEY & MELBOURNE via SHANGHAI, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ...	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 9,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon WEDNESDAY, 10th May, Noon
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ...	MIYAZAKI MARU, Capt. Mura, T. 9,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	THURSDAY, 11th April, at 11 A.M. WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon
KOBÉ direct ...	TENSHIN MARU, Capt. F. Bori, T. 4,000	SUNDAY, 14th April
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ...	HAKATA MARU, Capt. Y. Nomura, T. 6,000 KAGESHIMA MARU, Capt. W. Wade, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April SATURDAY, 13th April

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HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yanawaki	May 8th.
MIYAZAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd.
KITANO MARU	9,000	F. E. Cope	June 5th.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong.
SANUKI MARU	7,000	N. Teranaka	April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
SADO MARU	7,000	K. Asakawa	May 7th.
YOKOHAMA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	May 21st.

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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN ...	"KUEICHOW" ...	9th " 4 p.m.
NINGPO & CHINEANG ...	"WUHU" ...	10th " 4 p.m.
TSINGTAU & NEWCHANG ...	"SHAOHSING" ...	10th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"CHINHUA" ...	11th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"ANHUI" ...	13th " M'night

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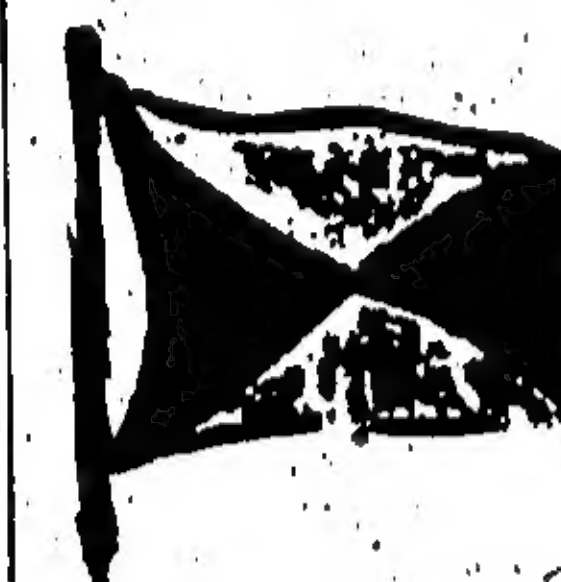
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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ...	21,000	H. S. Smith	Apr. 9th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru" ...	21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru" ...	1,000	A. G. Stevens	May 28th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ...	21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.

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Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Buyo Maru ...	10,500	Wednesday, April 10, Noon.
Hongkong Maru ...	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.
Kiyo Maru ...	17,500	Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.

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LOG BOOK.

Wages and Conditions at Sea.

The Shipping Federation on February 9 received a deputation from the Imperial Merchant Service Guild in connection with the rates of pay of ships' officers and the conditions of their service.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted about an hour and a half, the ships' officers' representatives were told that the Shipping Federation would write to the various shipowners' societies throughout the country, recommending them to give very careful and sympathetic consideration to any representation they received from any of the shipmasters' and officers' societies. This promise, of course, must be taken as an answer not only to the representations made but also to those put forward on behalf of deck officers some time ago.

Mr. T. W. Moore, in setting forth the Guild's views, said that body found it impossible to deal with thousands of individual firms. Owners appeared to be ignorant of the intolerable treatment which was so often meted out to captains and officers by the heads of different departments. No regard whatever was given to the immense amount of additional labour expected of shipmasters and officers outside of reasonable hours of duty. It would be difficult to claim extra sums on this account in the case of shipmasters. The point should be considered in the regular rates of pay. But in the case of officers, the overtime demanded of them was a deep-rooted and acute grievance. The two-watch system now carried on in the great majority of merchant ships was also a hardship that should be remedied.

The Guild now forwards us the following statement of their action toward improving the conditions of service of masters and officers in the Mercantile Marine. It may be remembered that the Imperial Merchant Service Guild had a special Conference with the Shipping Federation, as representing a large number of shipowners in Great Britain, in February, when many grievances under which officers labour, in the way of pay and conditions, were fully discussed. The Guild has now received a communication from the Shipping Federation stating that, as a result of the Guild's interview with the Committee of the Federation, it was decided to forward the Guild's letter dated November 14 last—which stated very fully the views of the Guild with regard to the conditions of employment, and the remuneration of masters and officers, to the Shipowners' Associations throughout the country. This has now been done, and it is hoped that the strenuous efforts put forward by the Guild, combined with the support given to their representations by the Shipping Federation, will materially improve the conditions under which the overworked British captains and officers are compelled to serve in the Mercantile Marine.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. Combined League.

This match was played on Saturday on the Club ground. The Club won by an innings and 10 runs. Scores:—

H.K.C.C.—First Innings.	
A. C. E. Elborough, b. Donipsey...	3
Mr. Annabell, b. Bird...	6
A. H. Gillingham, c. Wicheil, b. Bird...	11
A. R. Sutherland, b. Bird...	20
W. C. D. Turner, c. Crawford, b. Bird...	7
Mr. Whitehead, b. Taverer...	4
O. C. Clark, b. Taverer...	20
R. P. Thurlfield, b. Taverer...	41
D. E. Donnelly, b. Bird...	26
Comdr. Ward, not out...	10
Extras...	2
Total	138

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	17	6	33
Bird	17	1	88
Taverner	7	1	30
Donipsey	3	—	18
Wicheil	5	—	22

Combined League.—First Innings.

Capt. Crawford, b. Annabell...	17
R. O. Hutchison, b. Ward...	2
L. Corp. Donipsey, b. Ward...	6
Capt. Clapham, c. b. Annabell...	6
H. E. Taylor, b. Annabell...	3
R. O. Wicheil, b. Ward...	6
Lt. Smith, b. Ward...	6
J. V. Bragg, c. Elborough, b. Ward...	6
R. E. O. Bird, c. Annabell, b. Ward...	12
Corp. Taverer, b. Ward...	8
J. P. Robinson, not out...	0
Extras...	6
Total	70

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ward	18	7	33
Annabell	12	3	31

Second Innings.

Capt. Crawford, b. Jousland...	3
L. Corp. Donipsey, c. Whitehead, b. Jousland...	10
Capt. Clapham, c. Gillingham, b. Jousland...	0
Lt. Smith, c. Donnelly, b. Thurlfield...	13
R. O. Hutchison, b. Elborough...	20
H. E. Taylor, c. Annabell, b. Donnelly...	25
J. P. Robinson, c. Donnelly, b. Elborough...	2
R. E. O. Bird, not out...	24
J. V. Bragg, c. Turner, b. Jousland...	8
Corp. Taverer, b. Annabell...	6
R. C. Wicheil, c. Ward, b. Annabell...	0
Extras...	0
Total	118

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Thurlfield	7	1	18
Jousland	12	3	32
Donnelly	9	4	18
Elborough	9	—	44
Annabell	0.5	—	1

FOOTBALL.

K. O. Y. L. v. Victory.

The semi-final of the Soldiers' Cup competition was decided on Saturday at Happy Valley, when the K. O. Y. L. I. team defeated the R. G. A. by three goals to two after a stirring game.

The R. G. A. commenced briskly, and at half time led by two goals to nil which was no more than they deserved. A change came over the game in the second half, however. Pace began to tell on the R. G. A., and the K. O. Y. L. I. eleven from being the defenders assumed the attack. Ten minutes from time the score was still unaltered; then the Yorkshires' attack proved irresistible. A brace of goals came quickly and a third followed close on time. It was a fine victory, but the artillery lads hardly deserved to be robbed of victory as they were.

LAWN BOWLS.

Opening of Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The Kowloon Bowling Club opened its greens on Saturday, and despite the cool weather there was a good turn-out of members. The usual match for

spoons to members of the winning rinks was played between by teams representing the President (Mr. G. L. Duncan) and the Vice-President (Mr. A. Ramsay), and resulted in a win for the latter by 62 to 53. Scores:—

President.	Vice-President.
D. McNeil	W. Wetherpoon
L. Guy	W. Johnson
J. McDonald	J. W. Crawford
A. A. Milroy	A. Ramsay
(skip)..... 16	(skip)..... 23
R. Hall	J. Nicolay
J. Dicks	J. Steaver
J. M. Henderson	J. Ferguson
D. Gow	W. Russell
(skip)..... 24	(skip)..... 18
T. Peter	W. Taylor
H. Shires	D. Cooper
(skip)..... 11	(skip)..... 21
Total 55	Total 62

YANGTZE PIRACY.

Attack on Americans.

The Ichang correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" wrote on March 25:—

The part of the river between Ichang and Chungking is rightly considered to be very dangerous, but formerly the danger was that of the river with its rapids and whirlpools and rocks and the difficulty of navigation. The freedom from loss of life attending accidents to houseboats containing foreigners has often been remarked on. But judging from the recent experience of some Americans travelling to Chengtu, a new danger has arisen, viz., that of pirates.

Messrs. Sheldon, Hoffman and Hicks, who are teachers in the Government University at Chengtu, and who, with the other residents, had to leave Chengtu when the trouble broke out, were asked to return, and they at once set out. They left Ichang in an ordinary houseboat on Saturday, March 16, and made a good passage as far as Wushan-shien.

Fight in a Houseboat.

On the night of the 22nd their boat anchored about twenty miles above Wushan and they noticed they were anchored not as usual amongst other boats, but by themselves some distance from any other boat. About 3 a.m. they were awakened by the entrance of seven men bearing bamboo torches and carrying long hatchet-like knives. These men at once began sprinkling oil over the bedding and soon the bedding was ablaze. Their purpose probably was to cause confusion and thereby enable them to steal what was lying about. They, however, at the same time attacked the foreigners with their knives and a severe fight, which lasted several minutes, took place.

Mr. Hicks is said to have been heading over his bag trying to find his revolver when he was attacked, and he received two chest wounds, which were almost immediately fatal. Mr. Sheldon, who seems to have got into close grips with the robbers, received numerous wounds, none of which are fortunately of a very serious nature. Mr. Hoffman, who went to the assistance of Mr. Hicks, received a stab wound in the neck.

The robbers were probably scared at the death of Mr. Hicks, as they, after all, took but little of the belongings, some clothing, a bag, and basket and bedding being all they got away with. The two wounded men are now inmates of the Rankine Memorial Hospital.

Further Atrocities.

Another affair of rather a different nature, but in which two Chinese boatmen were killed, and five others badly wounded, has recently happened not far from Ichang. The Shuchun, which left Ichang for Suzhou on a few days ago, met several junk coming down near the Tungling Rapid. The wounded men say that they hailed them to anchor their boats so that they, the soldiers might search them, but it was impossible at that place to anchor, so the soldiers at once opened fire, with the above mentioned result.

Such happenings, we feel, will soon give this part of the river a notorious reputation as the West River.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe. Letters for this route should be superscribed via Siberia.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Hunan and Tongyueh.

MAILS DUE.

American, China, 9th inst.
English, Assaye, 11th inst.
German, Prinz Ludwig, 17th inst.
American, Manchuria, 19th inst.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left	Due
London	Shanghai
March 9.	March 26.
March 13.	March 29.
March 16.	April 2.
March 20.	April 5.
March 23.	April 9.

MAILS CLOSE.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Canada and United States via Seattle, Wash., Per Sanuki-maru, 9th April, 10 a.m.

American Mail.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, United States, Canada and South America via San Francisco—Per Shingo-maru, 9th April, 10.30 a.m.

French Mail.
Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Saigon, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles. (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Australian, 9th April, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 9th April, 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 9th April, 3 p.m.

Wei-hai-wei, Chefoo and Tientsin—Per Kueichow, 9th April, 3 p.m.

Japan, via Moji, Honolulu and South America—Per Bujo-maru, 9th April, 4 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Isabel Filipinas, 9th April, 4 p.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Kaga-maru, 9th April, 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Shikang, 10th April, 8 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Laisang, 10th April, 10 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 10th April, 1 p.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Yawata-maru, 10th April, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 10th April, 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rabi, 10th April, 3 p.m.

Ningpo—Per Wulu, 10th April, 3 p.m.

Taipei—Per Shao-hsing, 10th April, 3 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Wardha, 11th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Choyang, 11th April, 11 a.m.

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Macao—Per Sai Tai, 11th April, 1.15 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Poochow—Per Hatan, 12th April, 10 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Futaba, 12th April, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand—Per Kumano-maru, 12th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe—Per G. Apsir, 13th April, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 12th Mar., at 5 p.m.—Per Delta, 13th April, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongang, 13th April, 1 p.m.

Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Tjitaroom, 10th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honkai, United States, Canada and South America via San Francisco (Europe, &c., via Siberia)—Per Siberia, 10th April, noon.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Tosa, 13th April, 3 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The G. N. s.s. Minnesota left Yokohama for this port via Manila on the 6th inst., and is expected on the 10th inst. The N. Y. K. s.s. Kumano Maru, Australian Line, left Nagasaki for this port on the 6th inst., and is expected on the 9th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Miyazaki Maru, European Line, left Singapore for this port on the 4th inst., and is expected on the 10th inst.

The Sailing Line s.s. Curonia left Hongkong on the 5th inst., for Hongkong via Straits, and is expected to arrive on the 17th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Assaye left Singapore for this port on the 7th inst., at 10.30 a.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due on the 11th inst., at 6 p.m.

The J. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 20th ult., left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected on the 17th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Manchuria from San Francisco sailed from Yokohama on the 8th inst., en route to Hongkong, and is due to arrive on the 18th inst. The American Mail has been transferred at Yokohama and will arrive at Hongkong by the N. D. L. s.s. Latow. The Manchuria will be despatched from this port on the 30th inst., at 1 p.m., for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

ARRIVED.

Choy Sang, Br. s.s., 1,434, M. Courtney, 7th April—Shanghai via Swatow 3rd April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Kwangle, Chi. s.s., 1,468, J. Mo Arthur, 7th April—Shanghai 4th April, Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Si Kiang, Fr. s.s., 616, E. de Catalano, 7th April—Haiphong and Kwangchowwan 5th April, Gen.—M. M.

Tjimaook, Dutch s.s., 5,036, A. W. La Rooy, 7th April—Java and Billiton 31st Mar., Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Loosok, Ger. s.s., 1,021, G. Schulten, 7th April—Bangkok 30th Mar., Rice.—B. & S.

Ohinua, Br. s.s., 1,270, Benson, 7th April—Shanghai 4th April, Gen.—B. & S.

Uldis, Nor. s.s., 1,065, G. Solberg, 7th April—Hingkok via Swatow 27th Mar., Rice.—O. S. N. Co.

Australian, Fr. s.s., 3,548, Aillard, 8th April—Yokohama 30th Mar., Gen.—M. M.

Rubi, Br. s.s., 2,797, S. A. Crosby, 8th April—Manila 5th April, Gen.—B. & S.

Palawan, Br. s.s., 2,910, E. R. Longden, 8th April—London 24th Feb., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Taipei, Gen. s.s., 1,002, J. P. Burking, 8th April—Saigon 3rd April, Rice.—B. & S.

Pronta, Nor. s.s., 838, Th. Leberg, 7th April—Saigon 2nd April, Rice.—A. T. & Co.

Kaga Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,801, G. Tabu, 8th April—Japan and Shanghai 5th April, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Irene, Chi. s.s., 826, M. A. Ohill, 8th April—Shanghai 4th April, Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Childar, Br. s.s., 1,102, H. Nilsen, 8th April—Canton 7th April, Gen.—Kin Tye Loong.

Ville de la Clotat, Fr. s.s., 3,558, Charbonnel, 8th April—Saigon 9th April, Mail and Gen.—M. M.

DEPARTED.

Haimun, for Swatow.
Dai-maru, for Poochow.
Kwangle, for Shanghai.
Kwangle, for Shanghai.
C. Ferd Lewis, for Shanghai.
Sung-kang, for Pakhoi.
Mathilde, for Pakhoi.
Lima, for Shanghai.
Wuhu, for Canton.
Kueichow, for Canton.

April 8.
Kwangle, for Canton.
Choyang, for Canton.
Chinua, for Canton.
St. Albans, for Japan.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Palawan, arrived 8th April from Kobe, &c.:—
Craig, P. H. Nordhoff, Miss P. Dabinson, Mr. & Roome, Eng. Mrs. Greenhill, Miss Todd, A. H. Kelvey, Miss E. K. Wyley, Lt. F. J. Mindrank, Mr. & Mrs.

Per s.s. Australian, arrived 8th April from Kobe, &c.:—
Inoue, Mrs. Samalita, Mr. & Mrs. Kromer, Mrs. Samsuchi, O'Neill, G. Samsuchi, Kwan, O. H. Samsuchi, Ramon, Stevens, Miss Sainderlohen, Schmitz, Mrs. Weill, A. Sakai.

Per s.s. Kaga Maru, arrived 8th April from Japan:—
Clements, Mr. and Pifford, S. Mrs. E. W. Skottow, Mrs. A. Hoffman, Mrs. D. Haver, Miss E. L. Sato, M. Hong Koo-kong.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Buyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,242, Hashimoto, 25th Mar.—Moji 20th Mar. Coal.—T. K. K.

Chow Tai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Reher, 5th April—Bangkok and Swatow 28th Mar., Rice.—B. & S.

Devawongse, Ger. s.s., 1,067, E. Gathemann, 2nd April—Saigon 29th Mar. Rice.—B. & S.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940, E. Beetham, 30th Mar.—Yokohama 7th and Shanghai 27th Mar., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, W. O. Passmore, 5th April—Swatow 4th April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s., 208, J. Yamaguchi, 6th April—Swatow 5th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Kiang Ping, Br. s.s., 1,222, H. Udden, 4th April—Canton 3rd April, Gen.—Tong Lee & Co.

Lai Sang, Br. s.s., 2,225, E. J. Todd, 2nd April—Canton 17th Mar., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lyeeroun, Ger. s.s., 1,236, Vogeler, 4th April—Saigon 30th Mar., Rice.—H. A. L.

Phoenipeth, Br. s.s., 1,065, Jas. H. Scott, 2nd April—Saigon 29th Mar., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Sanuki Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,780, J. Tronka, 2nd April—Seattle and Shanghai 30th Mar., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Schuytkill, Br. s.s., 3,344, Smith, 22nd Mar.—New York, Karosine oil.—S. O. Co.

Shinyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,223, H. S. Smith, 30th Mar.—San Francisco 24th Feb., Flour, provisions and Gen.—T. K. K.

Siberia, Am. s.s., 5,655, A. Zeeder, 2nd April—San Francisco 5th Mar., Mail and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,310, G. H. Pennefather, 5th April—Manila 2nd April, Sugar and Hemp.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOR OFFICE.

Takasaka-maru, for Takao.
Choyang, for Canton.
Kwangle, for Canton.
Shinyo-maru, for Shanghai.
Sanuki-maru, for Shanghai.
Devawongse, for Swatow.
Chinua, for Canton.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Klot, sailed on 6th April, for Shanghai, &c.:—
Ala sida, J. Maher, Miss Albers, Blumenthal, V. Barker, H. G. Freiss, Cunningham, Mr. Raserer, R. J. & Mrs. C. B. Chaiyoi, Hobb, Chang Kil, Mrs. Cheong Yu-yung, Derville, Faller, Sir B. Franke, Mrs. M. Jelwa, Mrs. O. Ip Yok-lau, Klimanoh, P. Kuapel, Livingston, W. S. Twell, Laukenko, M. Takahashi, Lee, S. K. Whelpley, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Mongari, O.

SHIPS PASSEDED THE CANAL.

8th March—C. Ferd Lewis, Gange, Palawan, Ping Sney, Sydney, 12th March—Buenavista, Persia, Madras, 15th March—Erroll, Kleist, Atrodia, Ville de la Clotat, Lovat, 19th March—Erzherzog Franz Ferdinand, Glenstrae, Miyazaki Maru, Moyuna, Pochayur, Sootora, Thecus, Yang Tso. 22nd March—Cachas, Ernest Simons, Lomeneus, Pathan, Saxonia, Silesia, 26th March—Benledi, Borneo, Sibonia, Peking, Priam, Kawachi Maru, Scandia, 29th March—Bellerophon, Diomed, Kamo Maru, Lothian, Prima Elitel, Friedrich, Prinz Ludwig, Setauna, Yarra, 2nd April—Andalusia, Inverclyde, Kitano Maru, Nilo, Patrocin, Siontor, Tancor, Rhosus.

Arrival at Home—8th March—Dartmouth, Goben, Hiram Maru. 12th March—Indravelli, Daore Castle. 15th March—Cyclops, Sydney, Aragona, Astyanax, Konang Si, Kennebec. 19th March—Ajar, Segoria. 22nd March—Tango Maru, Wilhelmina. 25th March—Atholl, Lantes, Sambla, Loyat. 29th March—Benloch, Derlingier, Ernest Simons, Lomeneus, Saxonia, Silesia, Thosona. 4th April—Sootora.

April 7th at
10 a.m. 3.08
Barometer 30.08
Temperature 61
Humidity 56
Rela.

Mail Steamers.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	(Borneo) Capt. W. H. S. Hall	About 18th April	Freight and Passage
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Pashawur Capt. E. W. Bruce	About 15th April	Freight only
SHANGHAI	Assaye Capt. G. W. Coote	10 a.m. 12th April	Freight and Passage
LONDON, via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	Delta Capt. E. P. Martin	Noon 13th April	
LONDON & ANTWERP	Sumatra Capt. W. J. Le Mare	About 17th April	Freight and Passage

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